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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Case: MB 406

Applicant(s): Frank Duvinage, et al.

Examiner: TRAN, HIEN THI

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In Response to restriction requirement

Art Unit: 1764

Title: EXHAUST-GAS CLEANING UNIT WITH PARTICLE FILTER AND
NITROGEN OXYGEN STORE, AND OPERATING METHOD THEREFOR

October 19, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated 09/27/04 including a restriction requirement, Applicant elects claims 1-5 drawn to an EXHAUST GAS CLEANING UNIT to be examined. However, the election is made with traverse.

The method claims 6-7 will be prosecuted later if necessary in a divisional application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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